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PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner For Patents

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the second month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed February 20, 2007.

An electronic payment in the amount of \$330.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time (the first month having been paid on June 20, 2007) is being submitted concurrently herewith.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 648.43120X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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